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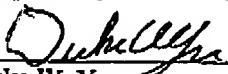
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In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.